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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroki ICHIKI, et al.

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For: INFORMATION PROVIDING SYSTEM AND MEDIATING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: